

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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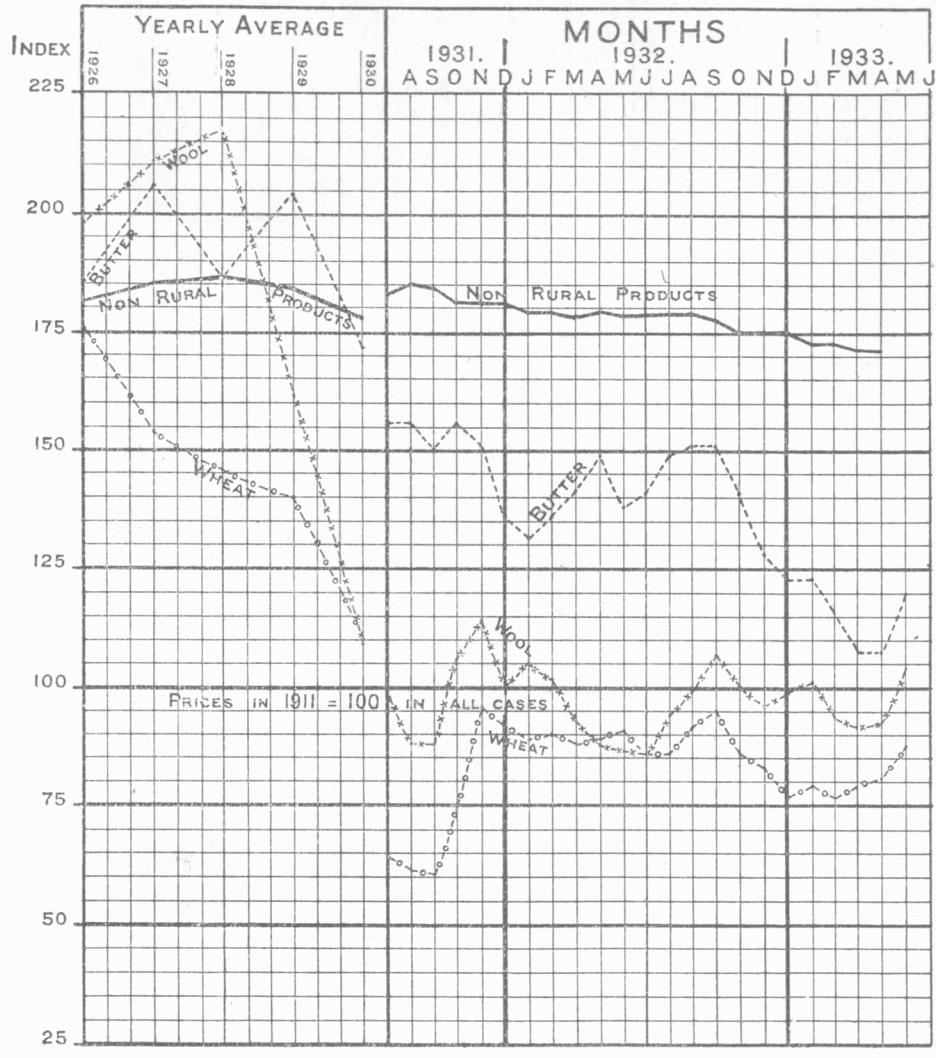
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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**INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).**

Average for year 1911 = 100.



All prices are in Australian currency. The indexes for recent months are shown in table 24 on page 11 of this summary. The footnotes to that table apply also to this graph.

## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

### 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.  
(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only.)			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
<b>1932.</b>													
January	38	14	8	2	17	41	11	8	13	23	49	8	28
February	34	73	113	223	91	37	66	126	99	44	88	73	59
March	85	181	202	103	152	99	191	193	180	15	66	129	43
April	151	116	200	153	157	111	132	216	181	108	66	86	94
May	61	37	37	46	130	57	60	36	42	43	96	101	65
June	45	50	63	43	59	44	51	86	72	52	52	14	47
July	77	80	100	74	85	76	76	95	87	44	134	119	77
August	39	90	166	93	101	45	96	160	129	32	61	157	55
September	239	197	96	106	166	241	183	103	141	213	274	220	230
October	97	63	47	25	63	109	69	41	57	99	79	91	93
November	126	127	101	111	117	115	139	99	112	101	113	143	110
December	51	61	60	31	54	64	66	55	59	29	42	104	42
<b>1933.</b>													
January	165	100	136	58	126	172	106	153	143	140	122	236	148
February	39	9	1	27	17	32	11	1	7	38	21	14	31
March	27	63	46	34	44	43	63	50	53	47	48	86	52
April	69	123	79	58	86	50	130	75	86	187	151	77	164
May	112	78	76	73	86	91	73	71	74	58	40	83	56

N.—Northern; S.—Southern; C.—Central; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

In the past six months the rainfall has been patchy in character. Dry conditions exist over the greater part of the sheep and wheat districts. Wheat sowing has been retarded. Conditions in the dairying districts have improved.

### 2. WOOL.

It is anticipated that the total production of wool for 1932-33 will be approximately 517,000,000 lb. as compared with 503,210,000 lb. in 1931-32. Excellent clearances have been made at auctions. Production in 1933-34 is expected to be 7½ per cent. to 10 per cent. less than in 1932-33.

#### SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Period.	Number of bales sold.			Amount realised for wool sold.		
	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Eleven months ended 31st May*	1,014,148	1,147,249	1,221,310	£11,545,091	£12,501,108	£13,698,982

#### Number of Bales Received into Store.

	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.
July	24,787	31,672	52,218	24,787	31,672
August	131,860	203,140	240,365	156,647	234,812
September	308,429	332,320	283,411	405,076	567,132
October	254,369	291,250	286,955	719,445	858,382
November	169,343	180,321	177,429	888,788	1,038,703
December	53,623	64,342	52,967	942,411	1,103,045
January	14,936	21,140	22,419	956,447	1,124,185
February	14,398	19,479	18,180	970,845	1,143,664
March	17,493	22,625	24,842	988,338	1,166,289
April	29,595	23,803	24,739	1,017,933	1,190,092
May	19,503	19,957	29,584	1,037,436	1,210,049

#### Number of Bales in Store Unsold.

31st May	26,858	75,573	39,838	...	...	...
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\* Including carry over from previous season.

The course of wool prices is shown in Table 24.

### 3. WHEAT.

The area sown with wheat for 1932-33 was 4,702,500 acres, including 4,388,700 acres for grain. The quantity of new season's wheat despatched or awaiting despatch from country stations of New South Wales Government Railways was 65,637,000 bushels as at 10th June, 1933. This quantity may include a certain amount handled twice. It is estimated that the total crop harvested in the State is in the vicinity of 77,000,000 bushels.

#### WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES (DIRECT).

Month.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Bushels of Wheat.						
December	... ...	2,930,397	3,470,737	5,895,225	13,922	22,404
January	... ...	2,863,173	5,344,553	6,033,908	11,018	10,212
February	... ...	3,555,985	5,307,083	7,525,590	14,089	20,291
March	... ...	7,343,386	3,521,337	4,166,015	18,196	24,223
April	... ...	3,862,418	1,853,165	1,184,170	17,845	17,046
May	... ...	3,026,073	1,305,925	635,482	19,779	21,293
Tons of Flour.						

#### WHEAT AND FLOUR.

Month.	Bushels of Wheat (Equivalent).	Value £.			
		1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	Total
December	... ...	3,593,337	4,537,605	7,101,449	487,866
January	... ...	3,387,859	5,830,820	6,750,537	432,109
February	... ...	4,226,878	6,273,300	9,019,564	447,882
March	... ...	8,209,881	4,674,823	5,603,643	923,968
April	... ...	4,712,172	2,664,881	1,969,815	525,948
May	... ...	3,967,911	2,319,877	1,353,556	489,707
Total (six months)	... ...	28,098,038	26,301,306	31,798,564	3,307,480
					4,279,081
					4,560,925

On 10th June, 1933, the quantity of new season's wheat grain stored in silos and on railway premises was 19,403,000 bushels. Of this quantity 6,102,000 bushels were on sites in the Metropolitan Area. Stocks of grain and flour as at the end of November, 1932, were equivalent to 2,640,000 bushels of wheat as compared with 5,453,000 a year previously.

The course of wheat prices is shown in Table 24.

### 4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in 1931-32 reached a record total, which appears likely to be exceeded in the current season.

Month.	Output of Butter (New South Wales factories).		Butter exported oversea (New South Wales).			
	1931.	1932.	Quantity.	1931.	1932.	Value.
Thousand lb.						
July	... ...	6,590	6,013	1,245	786	67,366
August	... ...	6,771	6,494	1,295	1,037	68,471
September	... ...	7,829	7,737	2,117	1,463	113,435
October	... ...	9,743	12,394	2,971	3,700	167,502
November	... ...	11,495	13,706	3,669	6,804	197,853
December	... ...	14,560	14,301	6,072	6,669	304,209
Total, July-December	... ...	56,988	60,646	17,369	20,459	918,836
						943,859
January	... ...	1932.	1933.	1932.	1933.	1933.
February	... ...	13,879	12,271	7,901	5,343	374,938
March	... ...	11,581	13,403	5,092	6,192	245,812
April	... ...	9,804	12,357	3,936	7,126	197,188
May	... ...	9,999	9,869	1,708	2,284	91,360
		8,991	...	2,550	828	118,755
						31,366

The course of butter prices is shown in Table 24.

## 5. COAL.

In the absence of monthly records of production, the best available indications of trends in the industry are provided by railway haulings and exports:—

Month.	Coal Hauled by Government Railways.‡			Coal Exported from New South Wales.†	
	1928.	1932.	1933.	1932.	1933.
Twelve months ended 31st December	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
January ...	6,198,971	4,609,416	...	2,368,092	...
February ...	546,533	325,634	360,500	157,959	204,914
March ...	502,801	370,813	387,499	197,860	217,050
April ...	522,006	385,149	430,810	204,570	235,651
May ...	427,279	377,698	336,798	191,103	201,000*
	572,078	386,360	475,000*	186,555	238,000*

\* Approximate.

† Cargo and bunker, Oversea and Interstate.

‡ Excludes coal used by the Railway Department and coal shipped or used in New South Wales without being hauled over Government railways.

## 6. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Thousand £.												
January ...	2,553	1,982	1,822	1,996	180	135	137	152	776	542	497	545
February ...	2,630	1,993	2,108	2,098	179	140	141	156	769	535	519	559
March ...	2,607	1,977	2,273	2,297	174	142	144	155	732	539	535	549
April ...	2,351	1,867	2,019	1,862	167	140	144	156	697	531	529	529
May ...	2,384	1,929	1,989	...	162	137	142	...	667	526	523	...
June ...	2,130	1,879	1,823	...	159	137	139	...	638	506	501	...
July ...	2,312	1,986	1,887	...	153	135	142	...	620	516	520	...
August ...	2,071	1,845	2,058	...	152	136	150	...	598	514	554	...
September ...	2,131	1,889	2,116	...	152	140	155	...	566	519	559	...
October ...	2,208	1,914	2,042	...	150	142	156	...	555	539	556	...
November ...	2,204	2,050	2,326	...	149	142	156	...	553	528	560	...
December ...	2,222	2,265	2,375	...	141	142	155	...	596	527	587	...
Average (January -December) ...	2,317	1,965	2,070	...	160	139	147	...	647	527	537	...

## 7. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

### PERMITS TO ERECT NEW BUILDINGS.

	Total Value for Quarter ended 31st March.			Country Municipalities (March Quarter).		Suburbs (Month of April).		Suburbs (Month of May).	
	City.†	Suburbs.	Country.‡	No.	Value of Buildings.	No.	Value of Buildings.	No.	Value of Buildings.
1931	£ 411,905	£ 171,735	£ 211,123	294	£ 173,473	37	£ 40,051	45	£ 42,871
1932	84,280	99,871	137,827	215	95,222	40	44,525	65	68,974
1933	230,716	236,590	204,308	294	150,882	87	77,254	82	63,550

† New buildings and additions.

‡ Municipalities and seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area.

Figures as to permits to erect new buildings show in advance the trend in the building industry. Comparative figures for previous months, quarters and years, are shown on page 21 of the "New South Wales Statistical Bulletin" for March Quarter, 1933.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

### 8. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.

To and from New South Wales direct Oversea.

	Month of May.		Eleven Months ended 31st May.	
	Imports.	Exports.*	Imports.	Exports.*
	£	£	£	£
1931 ... ... ... ...	1,681,279	2,082,128	24,784,802	28,426,706
1932 ... ... ... ...	1,809,743	1,946,863	16,904,829	29,756,046
1933 ... ... ... ...	1,904,030	1,982,586	21,819,797	31,524,890

\* Excluding gold specie and gold bar, dust, etc.

The values of imports represent the cost f.o.b. port of export plus 10 per cent., and are recorded in English currency. The values of exports are the values in the principal markets of New South Wales, less bonuses on butter, &c., and are recorded in Australian currency.

### 9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

AMOUNT of Recorded Sales (New South Wales) under Sales Tax Act.

Month.	1931.			1932.			1933.		
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.	Million £.
January ...	4·20	5·13	9·33	4·53	5·36	9·89	4·05	5·47	9·52
February ...	4·56	5·15	9·71	4·76	4·76	9·52	4·49	5·49	9·98
March ...	4·82	4·82	9·64	5·05	4·50	9·55	4·97	5·95	10·92
April ...	5·27	6·10	11·37	5·39	4·78	10·17	5·00	5·67	10·67
May ...	5·16	4·65	9·81	5·03	5·14	10·17	...	...	...
June ...	5·64	5·07	10·71	4·67	4·94	9·61	...	...	...
July ...	4·63	5·02	9·65	4·66	5·43	10·09	...	...	...
August ...	4·68	4·42	9·10	5·01	5·21	10·22	...	...	...
September ...	4·81	5·64	10·45	5·42	5·68	11·10	...	...	...
October ...	4·84	5·03	10·47	5·17	5·96	11·13	...	...	...
November ...	4·80	5·71	10·51	5·25	5·80	11·05	...	...	...
December ...	4·91	6·56	11·47	5·36	6·40	11·76	...	...	...

The rate of tax was increased on 11th July, 1931, and a considerable number of commodities was exempt from tax as from 1st September, 1932. Total sales for the year 1932 were £124,260,000, compared with £122,220,000 in 1931.

### 10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from a number of large city stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for months shown below compared with corresponding months of previous year:—

Month.	Number of Business Days in Month.		Net Sales. (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.
	Previous Year.	Current Year.				
1932.						
July ...	27	26	(+) 9·0	(—) 9·4	(+) 1·9	(+) 8·9
August ...	26	27	(+) 13·1	(—) 10·0	(+) 17·4	(+) 6·8
September ...	26	26	(+) 16·1*	(—) 7·6	(+) 8·2	(+) 9·7
October ...	26	25	(—) 1·4*	(—) 6·2	(—) 3·9	(+) 9·0
November ...	25	26	(+) 16·4	(—) 4·8	(+) 7·4	(+) 10·8
December ...	25	25	(—) 0·3	(—) 2·6	(+) 1·9	(+) 9·9
1933.						
January ...	23	24	(+) 1·7	(—) 2·3	(+) 0·5	(+) 9·1
February ...	25	24	(—) 3·2	(—) 2·4	(—) 6·3	(+) 9·2
March ...	24†	27†	(—) 0·1†	(+) 2·2	(—) 10·1	(+) 6·5
April ...	25†	22†	(—) 3·5†	(—) 0·4	(—) 3·1	(+) 7·0

\* September, 1932, and October, 1931, included five Fridays. After adjustment on this account the movement of sales was approximately for September (+) 13 and for October (+) 50 per cent.

† March, 1932, included Easter and the Bridge Opening Festival; March, 1933, and April, 1932, included five Fridays.

## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

### 11. RAILWAYS.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were :—

	Month of April.			Ten months ended 30th April.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1931 ...	1,246,009	1,022,566	223,443	13,029,102	10,589,020	2,440,082
1932 ...	1,297,256	980,573	316,683	12,806,042	10,191,887	2,614,155
1933 ...	1,197,811	901,210	296,601	13,097,547	9,582,946	3,514,601

\* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1931–32 was £6,519,217, exclusive of £1,304,600 exchange.

	Month of April.		Ten Months ended 30th April.	
	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1931 ...	133,301	9,972	1,286,554	106,009
1932 ...	135,310	11,010	1,284,135	105,606
1933 ...	100,051	11,145	1,385,194	110,609

\*Goods (including wayleave) and live stock. Ton-mileage represents the weight times the distance (miles) it was carried.

### 12. TRAMWAYS.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAYS.

	Sydney and Suburbs.			Newcastle and Suburbs.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried. ††	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.
	£	£	††	£	£	††
1932.						
January ...	303,428	51,819	24,257,242	17,166	1,687	1,635,351
February ...	271,153	50,992	23,686,060	17,050	2,006	1,551,361
March§ ...	329,242	82,055	27,114,138	17,005	809	1,587,035
April ...	276,252	26,950	22,866,406	16,848	292	1,567,964
May ...	268,355	27,137	22,098,481	17,144	1,332	1,583,807
June ...	238,773	(—) 63,241	20,955,818	16,207	(—) 1,103	1,491,710
July ...	260,930	12,203	21,576,370	17,007	3,329	1,566,563
August ...	260,090	25,798	21,616,973	16,872	1,868	1,553,802
September ...	258,113	41,310	21,275,290	16,514	2,364	1,514,212
October‡ ...	234,904	14,121	22,196,205	17,706	3,676	1,599,337
November ...	246,400	34,497	22,772,571	17,186	3,788	1,585,162
December ...	273,584	49,446	24,718,456	19,278	5,886	1,773,180
1933.						
January ...	273,753	58,268	22,623,515	18,396	5,167	1,627,242
February ...	242,430	34,489	21,444,587	16,522	4,021	1,486,857
March ...	268,229	55,333	23,677,344	18,212	5,508	1,637,065
April ...	254,713	49,431	22,633,397	16,495	2,350	1,520,184
May ...	250,563	35,014	22,226,243	17,519	4,223	1,589,914

\* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses. The amount of interest chargeable against the tramways in 1931–32 was £412,700, exclusive of exchange. (—) Denotes excess of working expenses over earnings.

† Tram fares in Metropolitan area were reduced as from 1st October 1932. §§ Excludes passengers carried on Sydney Harbour Bridge Section only. § Sydney Harbour Bridge opened 19th March, 1932.

## 13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

**NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.), AS AT VARIOUS DATES.**

Class.	30th June—			31st December, 1932. <sup>§</sup>	31st March, 1933.*	30th April, 1933.	31st May, 1933.
	1930.	1931.	1932.				
Cars ... ... ...	169,495	154,096	143,970	146,582	147,644	147,857	147,742
Lorries and Vans ... ...	45,309	41,788	38,618	40,890	41,052	41,811	42,088
Cycles ... ...	29,410	25,453	22,741	22,808	22,515	22,545	22,451
Buses ... ...	640	676	362	360	392	423	420
Cabs ... ...	1,340	1,078	1,070	1,068	1,062	1,064	1,062

**Average Weekly Number of New Cars Registered.\***

Year.	* Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1930 ...	394	361	285	200	199	196	181	183	135	141	141	132
1931 ...	78	83	69	88	59	55	47	45	45	55	60	53
1932 ...	55	61	63	58	55	53	61	71	67	93	96	122†
1933 ...	74	81	89	96	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

\* Represents average for four weeks ending on first Tuesday in succeeding month until October, 1932; subsequent periods end on first Friday in ensuing month.

† Average for 3½ weeks ended 30th.

§ Increase in registrations in December was mainly due to change of system of registration.

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

### 14. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

Date.	Amount of Deposits.	Date.	Amount of Deposits.	
			1932.	1933.
1929—June 30 ...	£ 85,727,514†	January 31 ...	£ 72,068,911*	£ 71,262,764*
1930—March 31 ...	80,723,561	February 29 ...	71,259,468*	71,334,540*
June 30 ...	82,465,430†	March 31 ...	70,766,850	71,253,452
September 30 ...	78,552,912	April 30 ...	69,678,291*	70,990,580*
December 31 ...	73,406,775	May 31 ...	69,490,437*	...
1931—March 31 ...	70,773,167	June 30 ...	71,647,869†	...
June 30 ...	69,810,769†	July 31 ...	71,172,593*	...
September 30 ...	71,448,529	August 31 ...	71,082,991*	...
December 31 ...	72,503,441	September 30 ...	70,906,662	...
		October 31 ...	70,774,187*	...
		November 30 ...	70,584,243*	...
		December 31 ...	70,298,583	...

\* Approximate.

† Includes accrued interest.

## 15. TRADING BANKS—ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

TOTAL (including Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and including Government Business).

March Quarter.				Deposits.	Advances, &c., and Government Securities.	Excess of Advances over Deposits, &c.
				thousand £	thousand £	thousand £
1931 ... ... ...				124,560	139,374	14,814
1932 ... ... ...				116,211	141,516	25,305
1933 ... ... ...				114,246	133,531	19,285

## 16. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government Deposits  
and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

March Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances, &c.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Total.			
1931 ...	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	per cent.
1931 ...	65,673	36,730	102,403	100,101	2,302	97·8
1932 ...	59,160	37,396	96,556	91,667	4,889	94·9
1933 ...	58,672	36,317	94,989	91,972	3,017	96·8

## 17. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.*	1932.*	1933.*	1929.	1930.	1931.*	1932.*	1933.*
Amount—Million £										
January ...	86·2	78·2	67·4	46·7†	49·2†	1038	990	809	622‡	683‡
February	88·1	75·5	63·8	47·3†	47·7†	1047	958	808	617‡	655‡
March ...	89·8	83·7	69·9	42·7†	53·3†	1058	950	807	§	636‡
April ...	89·7	68·6	62·4	43·5†	44·4†	1093	926	811	§	617‡
May ...	89·7	76·7	54·0	46·1†	58·9†	1087	920	768	§	657‡
June ...	84·8	71·7	57·1	51·8†	...	1089	893	741	655‡	...
July ...	88·8	73·7	48·9	46·8†	...	1061	895	663	631‡	...
August ...	84·1	58·4	45·5	46·0†	...	1078	850	648	634‡	...
September	78·7	61·7	54·6	51·3†	...	1073	825	643	646‡	...
October ...	89·1	71·5	56·0	53·5†	...	1057	802	655	664‡	...
November	85·5	65·8	50·6†	55·3†	...	1026	806	658‡	680‡	...
December	88·9	86·8	52·9†	57·7†	...	1014	803	635‡	680‡	...
Year ...	1,043·3	872·4	683·1†	588·7†	...	...	...	...	...	...

\* Adjusted by elimination of abnormal transactions on account of Governments.

† Unadjusted on account of amalgamation. ‡ Adjusted on account of amalgamation.

§ State Government banking transactions suspended. Index not ascertainable.

Inter-bank clearings are regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the general volume of business transactions provided they are considered in conjunction with changes in price levels.

The index represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 1,000 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels.

## 18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

	Month of May.		Five months ended 31st May.	
	Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.	Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.
	£	£	£	£
1931 ... ...	887,701	2,012,698	5,553,904	9,767,987
1932 ... ...	943,053	940,875	4,122,462	3,571,950
1933 ... ...	1,437,471	693,578	5,889,525	3,542,347

The decrease is partly due to a lower level of values. Comparative figures for individual months are shown in Table 46 of the Statistical Bulletin of New South Wales for March quarter, 1933.

## 19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

	Month of May.			Five months ended 31st May.		
	Crops	Wool.	Livestock.	Crops.	Wool.	Livestock.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1931 ... ...	652,017	514,240	219,793	3,435,993	2,319,417	1,413,929
1932 ... ...	474,642	500,539	304,565	3,198,394	1,389,361	989,013
1933 ... ...	385,379	377,906	132,434	3,104,214	1,604,455	540,225

The amounts involved in liens amounted to £9,191,416 for the year 1932, compared with £11,602,878 in 1931.

The numbers involved in liens and mortgages were as follow :—

Five months ended 31st May.	Number of Crop Liens.	Number of Sheep subject to Liens on Wool.*	Number of Livestock under Mortgage.		
			Sheep.*	Cattle.	Horses.
1931 ... ...	7,922	6,498,683	5,314,608	56,023	13,348
1932 ... ...	6,432	5,358,127	5,236,995	60,862	8,385
1933 ... ...	5,937	5,565,596	3,352,765	62,978	6,817

\* In many cases sheep are included under both headings.

## 20. BANKRUPTCIES.

Sequestrations and Deeds of Arrangement, New South Wales.

Year.	Month of May.		Five months ended 31st May.	
	Number.	Liabilities.*	Number.	Liabilities.*
1931 ... ...	113	£ 207,854	618	£ 1,171,910
1932 ... ...	60	107,410	305	896,802
1933 ... ...	50	89,205	263	394,446

\* Gross liabilities before deducting assets.

## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

### 21. UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

	February.	May.	August.	November.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
1929 ...	9·7	10·0	12·4	13·8
1930 ...	16·3	21·0	23·3	26·3
1931 ...	29·2	30·7	31·6	31·5
1932 ...	31·8	33·2	33·0	31·9
1933 ...	30·2	...	...	...

The above figures are compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns supplied by Trade Unions, and represent the proportion of unemployed members to total membership in unions reporting.

### AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF WAGES PAID AND INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Data under these headings are now being compiled. Progress tabulations, including nearly 100 of the larger factories, indicate that there were 39,911 employees on the pay sheets in the middle week of April, 1933, compared with 36,940 in the corresponding week of 1932. The increase occurred mainly in the iron, steel, engineering, and clothing trades. The volume of employment in retail trades is indicated in Table 10. According to returns collected by the Department of Labour, the numbers employed directly by Government Departments (including Local Government) on relief works in the last week of April, 1933, were 15,263. In addition, considerable numbers were employed by private employers from advances made by the Unemployment Relief Council.

### 22. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and the group averages are the means of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. It represents the ratio of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values.

Par Value of Shares = 100.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
July, 1929...	178·8	172·9	129·9	158·8	231·6	169·4	168·8
July, 1930...	112·5	102·8	109·6	87·9	172·6	112·6	111·2
1931.							
July ...	77·3	65·9	90·8	79·3	119·0	79·5	83·5
September§	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
1932.							
January ...	94·2	75·5	110·0	95·2	158·8	93·3	100·9
February ...	92·6	75·3	111·9	92·0	154·5	92·3	99·0
March ...	90·3	73·9	105·1	88·8	148·2	89·5	95·5
April ...	90·0	72·4	104·6	87·5	139·5	87·8	94·4
May ...	91·9	74·8	104·7	89·3	132·3	88·5	95·3
June ...	96·3	77·8	109·0	87·3	145·6	92·2	99·4
July ...	100·0	78·0	112·1	94·9	152·0	95·3	102·1
August ...	106·1	83·2	118·6	106·1	155·2	100·6	108·4
September	114·8	89·4	125·6	114·6	163·8	107·6	116·3
October ...	121·6	95·9	129·4	115·9	174·6	113·5	121·5
November ...	120·6	93·2	130·4	108·8	172·1	111·4	118·9
December ...	114·0	90·8	132·6	102·9	167·8	107·5	115·2
1933.							
January ...	114·4	90·2	131·9	106·2	163·3	107·0	115·4
February ...	116·4	92·1	133·6	103·6	164·6	108·6	117·3
March ...	115·2	91·6	132·8	100·4	164·9	108·3	116·3
April ...	116·8	91·3	130·8	102·9	165·2	109·2	117·3
May ...	122·5	95·0	134·4	112·1	169·6	114·0	121·8

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.

§ The lowest point of the index was reached in September, 1931.

## 23. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).  
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
January ...	1,000	1,031	1,013	956	929	979
February ...	1,000	1,044	981	974	949	972
March ...	1,000	1,018	1,011	971	952	976
April ...	1,000	1,036	1,004	960	956	961
May ...	1,000	1,055	1,000	944	951	969
June ...	1,000	1,035	999	966	987	...
July ...	1,000	1,052	987	960	967	...
August ...	1,000	1,061	998	940	973	...
September ...	1,000	1,085	979	936	969	...
October ...	1,000	1,093	972	934	965	...
November ...	1,000	1,093	961	946	972	...
December ...	1,000	1,043	983	973	990	...
Average (12 months)	1,000	1,054	991	955	963	...

## 24. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

Date.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter (Local Sales).	Non- Rural. <sup>§</sup>	100 Com- modities Average.	Average Rates of Exchange. <sup>‡</sup>			
						Australia on London.	London on New York.	Australia on New York.	Australia on Paris.
1911*	100	100	100	100	100	100	...	...	...
1929*	162	140	204	184	186	102	100	102	...
1930*	109	110	172	178	170	100	100	106	...
1931*	105	70	154	180	155	128	109	140	...
1932*	96	88	140	177	152	125	139	174	...
1932—January	105	89	132	179	154	125	142	178	...
February	102	90	136	179	154	125	141	176	175
March	93	88	142	178	153	125	134	168	167
April	88	89	149	179	155	125	130	163	161
May	87	91	138	178	152	125	132	165	165
June	86	86	141	178	152	125	133	166	166
July...	94	86	149	178	152	125	137	171	169
August	100	92	151	178	153	125	140	174	173
September	107	95	151	177	153	125	140	175	173
October	100	86	141	175	152	125	143	179	177
November	96	83	128	175	150	125	148	185	183
December	99	77	123	175	149	125	149	185	183
1933—January	101	79	123	173	148	125	145	181	178
February	94	77	116	173	146	125	142	177	176
March	92	79	108	172	144	125	142	176	172
April	93	81	108	172	146	125	135	168	176
May	104	88	120	172	148	125	124	152	179

\* Average for year.

† Approximate.

§ Includes only those (non-rural) primary, manufactured and imported commodities which are included in the index for 100 commodities. Highly manufactured articles are not included. The individual items are listed on pages 488 and 489 of the "Official Year Book of New South Wales" for 1920.

The decrease in prices as between the average for 1929 and May, 1933, was, respectively (per cent. of 1929 average) :—Wool, 36; wheat, 37; butter, 41; non-rural, 7; 100 commodities, average, 20. The index of the price of wool at the closing auctions in Sydney in June was 115.

## 25. OVERSEA WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS.

	1931.	1932.										1933.				
		Sep.	Jan.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May.	
Great Britain— Board of Trade (1924 = 100)	59.7	63.7	59.0	58.8	59.9	61.4	60.8	60.8	60.8	60.3	59.5	58.7	58.5	59.7		
United States— Irving Fisher (1926 = 100) ...	68.7	65.0	59.6	60.4	61.8	62.7	61.1	60.3	58.5	56.4	55.3	56.1	57.2	60.1*		

Gold standard suspended by Great Britain 21st September, 1931, and by U.S.A. March-May, 1933. \* Four weeks.

## 26. PRICES OF METALS.

**Average Monthly Spot Prices of Metals (London Exchange, English Currency).**

Date.	Gold* (Fine).	Silver (Standard).	Lead.	Spelter.	Tin (Standard).	Copper (Standard).
	per oz.	per oz.	per ton.	per ton.	per ton.	per ton.
1931.						
September ...	£ 4 11 3	1 2·10	II 19 7	II 16 4	II 7 17 10	31 11 1
1932.						
June ...	5 13 4	1 4·84	9 15 0	II 14 2	II 14 12 11	26 18 4
July ...	5 16 0	1 4·93	9 19 8	II 15 6	II 25 19 6	26 2 6
August ...	5 18 6	1 6·00	II 9 5	II 14 5	II 42 2 5	31 9 1
September ...	5 18 8	1 6·00	II 4 9	II 10 9	II 52 16 3	35 0 8
October ...	6 1 5	1 5·81	II 1 3	II 0 1	II 51 7 6	31 18 8
November ...	6 5 9	1 6·10	II 4 8	II 8 0	II 53 13 4	32 0 4
December ...	6 5 9	1 5·11	II 6 10	II 5 7	II 49 17 10	29 2 8
1933.						
January ...	6 2 6	1 4·88	II 12 11	II 9 9	II 45 15 11	28 12 0
February ...	6 0 9	1 4·88	II 11 6	II 19 10	II 48 12 8	28 10 7
March ...	6 0 4	1 5·59	II 14 4	II 13 2	II 49 4 2	28 4 5
April ...	6 0 8	1 6·44	II 19 11	II 1 7	II 58 0 4	29 12 5
May ...	6 3 4	1 7·05	II 4 8	II 11 8	II 86 5 10	34 2 2
June (1st to 14th) ...	6 2 4	1 7·26	II 7 8	II 11 5	II 218 12 8	37 4 6

\*The par price of gold is £4 4s. 11d. per oz. fine.

## 27. SUMMARY.

The following Table provides some indication of trends in 1932 and 1933 in respect of the principal activities for which it is possible to indicate general trends by monthly figures:—

Refer to Table No. ...	17	9	6	5	7	11	23	12
Month,	Index of Bank Clearings.	Value of Goods sold at Wholesale.	Value of Goods sold by certain Factories.	Quantity of Coal Hauled by Railways.	Value of City and Suburban Building Permits. (d).	Number of Passenger Journeys on Railways.	Index of Quantity of Gas and Electricity Consumed.	Tramway Revenue.
1932.		£ (b)	£ (b)	tons (a)	£ (a)	(c)		£ (a)
January ...	622	989	182	326	81	103	929	321
February ...	617	952	211	371	69	107	949	288
March ...	...*	955	227	385	129	119	952	346
April ...	...*	1,017	202	378	78	110	956	293
May ...	...*	1,017	199	386	139	116	951	285
June ...	655	961	182	396	78	III	987	255
July ...	631	1,009	189	417	III	110	967	278
August ...	634	1,022	206	369	134	113	973	277
September ...	646	1,110	212	415	110	108	969	275
October ...	664	1,113	204	370	123	119	965	253
November ...	680	1,105	233	433	124	108	972	264
December ...	680	1,176	238	363	140	II 4	990	293
1933.								
January ...	683	952	200	360	155	II 3	979	292
February ...	655	998	210	387	163	102	972	259
March ...	636	1,092	230	431	273	108	976	286
April ...	617	1,067	186	337	238	III	961	271
May ...	657	...	...	475	182	...	969	268

(a)Thousands. (b) Ten thousands. (c) Hundred thousands. (d) New buildings and additions. \*Not available.

The general position in regard to primary industries might be gauged by reference to tables 1 to 4, and to the prices shown in the graph on page 1, and in table 24.

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